



Spring 2006

Group 1 - TN Wing

A word from the editor

The hope is that each CAP member, in Tennessee wing, will benefit from and enjoy reading about Squadron, Group, and Wing activities. Every unit leader and public information officer is invited to submit news items and stories. Photos that depict member activity in uniform are welcome. Our emphasis will be to use articles or photos that reflect well on public service, cadet activity and training. Humor and whimsical stories will be accepted at times as well, if CAP related. **msbari@bellsouth.net**

This document sent at the request of Group 1 Commander.

Group One Concludes SLS and UCC School

Group One, Tennessee Wing just completed a highly successful leadership training event. Downtown Island Airport FBO in Knoxville was the site of a two-day training event attended by members of units from Group 1 and 2. Members of TN 001, 004, 008, 015, 087, 128, 140, 173, 187 and 192 attended either the Unit Commander's or Squadron Leadership Courses respectively. A top-notch staff led by Wilma Ward and Darrell Sexton provided a comprehensive look at squadron leadership issues to the enthusiastic attendees. Others contributing to the UCC training effort were Col. Rushing, Col. Carnduff, Maj. Lahrs and Lt. Miller. Teaching for the SLS were: 1Lt. Dritt, Lt. Col. Fitzgerald, Capt. Koenig, Maj. Lahrs, Capt. Renaud, Maj. Sexton, Col. Rushing and Lt. Col Ward.

At 0800 on 14 January, opening remarks were offered by Lt. Col. Ward for the Squadron Leadership School, followed the presentation of Human Resources, Safety, Professional Image, and Customs and Courtesies learning modules. Opening remarks for the Unit Commander Course were offered by Maj. Sexton, followed by a discussion of Command Responsibilities and Accountability. Many other subjects followed that afternoon and on Sunday as the individual schools continued. 24 proud graduates assembled Sunday afternoon to receive their graduation certificates and to have individual and group photos taken.

These 24 TN Wing unit staff graduates will help make 2006 a banner year for membership growth, renewed program vitality and public service for our communities. Congratulations to all participants for fulfilling your duty to your CAP assignment and individual units. Squadron Leadership and Unit Commander courses provide a significant management tool set to trainees that target the most crucial areas of unit operation. Membership growth, safe and well organized activities, and effective communications will assure our future is relevant and important to our communities.

Participating in the UCC

Capt. Arlinda C. Bailey	TN 004
Maj. Harry B. Bannon	TN 087
1Lt. George T. Hensley	TN 015
Capt. Steve R. Mcilvaine	TN 173
Capt. Karla D. Mullinax	TN 187
Capt. Paul P. Pierpont	TN 140
Capt. Robert E. Saltsgaver	TN 128
Maj. Jerry A. Sayre	TN 015
Maj. Dent W. Young II	TN 001

Squadron Leadership Course

SM Gerald L. Bailey	TN 008
SM George R. Borsari	TN 087
2Lt. Ronald E. Broach	TN 187
1Lt Charles W. Carroll	TN 004
SM Billy B. Cesarano	TN 087
SM Ronald H. Haynes	TN 008
SM Ivan W. McDanel	TN 087
SM Terry A. McDowell	TN 192
1Lt Donald R. Miller	TN 128

Leadership training continued – SLS Graduates

Maj Jack E. Mullinax II	TN 187
SM Tim L. Munson	TN 087
1Lt. Danny J. Nelson	TN 087
2 nd Angela Phillips	TN 004
1Lt Martin J. Phillips	TN 004
1Lt Joseph K. Williamson	TN 192

WING STRATEGIC PLANNING

Col. Rushing organized a planning weekend session including key wing staff personnel and the Group Commanders the weekend of 28 and 29 January 2006 at Arnold in Tullahoma. Work sessions were held all day Saturday, 27 January and Sunday, 28 January. The sessions were held at the Gossick Leadership Training Center on Arnold Air Force Base.

The purpose of the planning session was to **set strategic direction for wing during the next 12 to 18 months**. The major goal was to develop a master calendar and a plan for our ES training, Senior training, subordinate unit inspections, safety and our strategy for recruiting and retention and unit development. It was an intense weekend with a lot of work. Everyone agreed that the Wing is in a much better position to move forward and grow after completing this process. Sessions began promptly at 8 AM on Saturday and at 8:30 AM on Sunday after church services. Major discussion topics were enthusiastically debated and explored resulting a number of important initiatives to be pursued in 2006 and beyond. Key points identified for action (generally in order of importance):

- Identify and train more incident commanders.
- Enlist everyone in correcting contact information and improving Communications.
- Make a concerted effort to get Cadets in the air in FY 2006.
- Train in use of and expand availability of QuickBooks for financial records.
- Unit inspections will be scheduled in FY 2006 and 2007. Emphasis is likely to be on flight safety, pilot records, financial records and training.

- Composite squadrons must be more diligent in use of form 31's to prevent disappointment when the electronic form is not sent properly.
- The Wing and Groups will focus on the 11 Homeland Security Districts, and 95 county contacts for future support.
- Wing, in cooperation with units, will leverage imaging capability to improve our positioning for future missions. An example is to take baseline images for future comparison.

Members interested in these new support opportunities should get on the FEMA.GOV website and take applicable short courses

- Unit commanders should plan to make some staff available for CISM training
- Units should learn more about IACE visitor hosting opportunities.

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A special note from our new National Commander

Referring to our new national CAP "Volunteer" magazine, January-February issue:

I am excited about this inaugural issue of Civil Air Patrol Volunteer. As times change, we must approach our communications differently. Many volunteer organizations are experiencing a drop in membership, and we are no exception. When current recruiting and retention tactics are no longer effective, we must find new ways to keep current members engaged and pique the interest of potential members. Civil Air Patrol Volunteer not only gives us a sharper look, it serves as a better vehicle to communicate with people interested in CAP, whether a current member or an interested citizen.

I firmly believe that for us to remain a strong, united organization, members need to be convinced CAP is the best place to volunteer. Studies show the best way to recruit a member is through a current member. I ask each of you to look back at why you first joined CAP. Was it a sense of patriotism, a love of flying or the camaraderie of serving your country with like-minded individuals? Revisit the feelings that propelled you into CAP. Only when you rediscover that sense of fulfillment will you be able to convince others that CAP is where they need to be.

Maj. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda

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UPCOMING EVENTS & Information Contact

March 24-26	Cadet Competition weekend : Montille 731 925-8670
April 7-8	Homeland Security
April 7-8	Georgia Conference : http://gawg.cap.gov/WingConf2006/
April 21,22,23	Group 1 training - McCord Farm : Darrell 865 414-7861
April 29	WINGS at DKX : Darrell 865 414-7861
May 6	Florida Conference -
July 15-21	National Staff Training : Wilma 865 983-8316
July 19-2	IACE : Montille 731 925-8670
July 22-29	Region staff
August 9-12	National Board